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From birth we the working class, fight for victory

We fight to rip the chains of poverty wages,
grim education,
For the ability to control our bodies
and ensure our last breath is not in vain.
From the past to the present,
Bacon's Rebellion
Claudia Jones,
the civil rights movement,
and the summer of 2020,
The working class has united to fight our killers.
A medical worker, awakened from her

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☆The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today's world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.

☆Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world's workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.

☆While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim "communism is dead," capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.

☆Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society's benefits and burdens.

☆Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of "race." Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.

☆Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.

☆Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.

☆Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion's false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.

☆Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

Smash police terror with communist revolution

On April 20, Minneapolis killer kkkop Derek Chauvin was convicted of murder for the execution of George Floyd, a racist atrocity that set the international working class on fire last summer. The liberal capitalist bosses and their media were quick to celebrate the verdict as evidence that "the system worked." In fact, however, Chauvin's conviction was the exception that proves the rule. Beneath the bosses' charade of "democracy" and "the rule of law'' lies the ugly truth: The capitalist profit system cannot work without violence, coercion, oppression, and racist and sexist exploitation.

The bosses need mad dog cops to intimidate workers' fightback against the racist, sexist profit system. As we march on May Day, the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) declares that we must end these legalized lynchings—by smashing the capitalist rulers who sanction them. Cops can't be brought to heel with reform legislation or oversight boards or body cameras. There's one way to put these gangsters with badges out of business for good: with communist revolution.

Murder as usual

Under capitalism, police terror is business as usual. On average, on-duty cops in the U.S. kill 1,000 workers a year. From 2005 through 2018, according to a study at Bowling Green State University, fewer than one percent of these killers were arrested for murder or manslaughter (https://www.bgsu.edu). Only four—around three-hundredths of one percent—were convicted of murder. Were it not for a brave 17-year-old who recorded more than eight minutes of Chauvin choking Floyd to death last May, the cop would likely be walking free today.

Since March 29, when the Chauvin trial began, three workers a day have been killed by the bosses' death squads (The Hill, 4/21). Chicago's gestapo chased down 13-year-old Adam Toledo in an alleyway and killed him as he stood with his hands in the air (see CHALLENGE, 4/28). Barely 10 miles away from where George Floyd took his last breath, 20-year-old Daunte Wright was murdered for the capital crime of expired license plates (New York Times, 4/23). Even as the verdict against Chauvin was announced, 16-year-old Ma'Khia Bryant was fatally shot four times after calling the police for help.

Fighting back against kkkop terror

In the wake of Ma'Khia's murder, fellow officers shouted out "Blue Lives Matter!"—a slogan that affirms the cops' freedom to slaughter Black, Latin, and immigrant workers at will. The police knew that Ma'Khia's murder would be another match to ignite working-class rage (Newsweek, 4/21). Over the past year, millions of workers in more than 50 countries have taken the streets in solidarity with George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Rayshard Brooks, Stephon Clarke, Philando Castile, Alton Sterling, Walter Scott, Tamir Rice, Michael Brown, Eric Garner, and too many others.

Under capitalism, murder-by-cop is a worldwide phenomenon. Last June, 14-year-old João Pedro Matos Pinto became one of more than 600 people killed by police in the state of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil—in less than six months. On April 27, in Bangladesh, at least five were killed and dozens injured "after police opened fire on a crowd of workers protesting to demand stolen wages and a pay rise at a Chinese-backed power plant" (reuters.com, 4/17). On March 27, a worker from Honduras named Victoria Salazar was killed in Tulum, a tourist hot spot, after a Mexican cop—taking a page from the murderer Chauvin—knelt on her neck (elpais.com, 4/6).

But just as bosses worldwide use U.S. racism as a model to terrorize workers in their own countries, anti-racist movements can be schools for workers to put communist ideas into practice for the communist future to come. When PLP joins these mass movements and struggles side by side with the working class, we teach and learn the importance of antiracist fightback and class struggle.

Imperialists sharpen their knives

In the context of inter-imperialist competition and a period of capitalism in crisis, the U.S. bosses have an insoluble problem. On the one hand, they need their killer cops to keep the working class in check—a policy that goes back to the 18th-century slave catchers, the original U.S. police forces. On the other hand, this brazen terror undercuts the rulers' ability to rally its allies against its rivals under the banner of "human rights." As the U.S. tries to focus the world's attention on China's racist attacks on the Uighurs in Xinjiang, China and Russia joined 23 other countries in a joint statement at the United Nations to condemn "systematic racist discrimination and violence." They cited the cases of George Floyd and Jacob Blake, the Black worker who was shot in the back and paralyzed in Kenosha, Wisconsin, after cops were called to respond to a domestic dispute (American Military News, 10/7/20).

The liberal U.S. rulers also desperately need to figure out how to win more Black and Latin workers to fight and die in the next global imperialist war. That's the impetus behind Jim Crow Joe Biden's latest reformist crumb to rein in killer cops: The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. The legislation would officially ban chokeholds and no-knock warrants and eliminate "qualified immunity," which gives cops a license to kill without getting sued. But even if anyone believed that this law would change the KKKlan-in-blue's behavior when so many others have failed, the cops have nothing to worry about. Because of splits in the ruling class and hard-core Republican (Small Fascists) opposition in the U.S. Senate, the bill's passage is "extremely unlikely for now" (New York Times, 3/4).

Workers cannot trust liberal rulers like Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who are bought and paid for by finance capital. They will stab us in the back as soon as the latest reform struggle no longer fits their agenda.

PLP is the party of the international working class

Outgunned but far from outnumbered, workers continue to fight back. From the striking farmers in India to the women workers in El Salvador who occupied Florenzi Industries, the courage and resilience of the working class is an unstoppable force, even during a deadly pandemic. We have seen our class forge mutual aid networks in Haiti and stop evictions in the United States. We've seen workers in Colombia risk their lives to protest police murder. Whether large or small, every fightback has the potential to win more workers to fight for a communist world.

The police will always serve the ruling class; they are the bosses' blunt instruments for control. Under communism, a society with no money, profits, or exploitation, there won't be any need for them. Workers will be accountable to one another. The collective will resolve problems and disagreements based on what's best for our class. While we agree with those who chant to abolish the police, we know that it can't be done in isolation. We'll need to abolish the whole rotten capitalist system to get these thugs' knees off our backs.

On May Day, across five continents and in more than two dozen countries, Progressive Labor Party will bring our revolutionary line to the masses. It's the holiday of the international working class, the time when our fight for one party, one class, and one world is on full and open display. United, workers cannot be defeated. We continue to fight for a communist world. Join us!✪

Evict the bosses, power to the tenants

IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, April 4—Once again, this capitalist system has left workers without basic necessities. In response to yet another eviction, a local tenants' union and non-profit community organization took action today to support a working-class family. The family is struggling to regain control of their home of 14 years from the clutches of a racist investment company which has bought up "distressed" properties in gentrifying Inglewood. As Progressive Labor Party (PLP) joins the fight for this one family we also fight for all workers to build for communism, a society in which housing would be available to all without the plague of profit.

This nearly five month battle, taking place in the midst of perhaps the largest homeless crisis in the history of California, has been inspiring. We plan to win this battle, but the massive amount of homeless workers rages on, and it's worldwide. It's part of this racist, exploitative capitalist system. For homelessness to end, this whole damn system has to go.

We fight alongside our fellow workers and communists have a solemn responsibility to point out the pitfalls of fights to win reforms under capitalism. Capitalism requires that our basic needs be bought and sold for a profit, making housing a commodity.

When a worker can't make regular payments, the landlords or the banks who hold the mortgage use the capitalist legal system to throw that worker and her family out. This guarantees continued profits for the landlords and bankers. Only a communist revolution will ensure distribution of housing to all based on need and the elimination of homelessness.

Workers call out capitalist lackies

On the morning of our rally, 18 campaigners drove about an hour from Inglewood to Irvine, CA to investor Don Madden's church. A non-profit called this action to convince the clergy of the church that they should exercise their moral authority and persuade the investor that buying out Inglewood homes and evicting workers was "wrong" and that he should instead do the "right" thing for this family.

We carried signs and "Wanted" flyers with Madden's picture on them, and called on church members to help the family by signing a petition and calling Madden's office.

We rallied in the church parking lot, putting flyers under car windshields and talking to parishioners as they came in and out. Apparently, this was more than what the church leadership could stand. They called the local cops and had their "security" run around taking flyers off cars and even snatch some from the hands of churchgoers who were speaking with us.

Security told us we were trespassing on "private property."We were escorted to the church's "free speech" area, on the sidewalk next to the entrance to the parking lot. There, security stood in front of us, motioning cars to drive past us without taking a flyer. Irvine cops also threatened to arrest us if we went into the street to hand a flyer to a driver. This was our "free speech."

Capitalist segregation divides workers

It was striking to see that, although the church was only an hour's drive away from the evicted family's working-class neighborhood, it was an entire world away in other respects. The family lives in a predominantly Black and Latin neighborhood; the church members were almost exclusively white, many driving Mercedes and BMWs. This non-denominational, Christian church boasts on its website of its "food distribution center," its diverse clergy, and its goal to "inspire people to follow Jesus and fearlessly change the world." But, the church's main building is the second largest church building in the state.

In 1998, the church purchased an 18-acre piece of adjacent property for $18 million; in 2005, it spent $35 million on a new worship center, bookstore and café; in 2008, it spent $33 million on its student ministries facility, a chapel and a parking garage. Imagine how many homes the church could have bought struggling working-class families battling homelessness. So much for "fearlessly" changing the world.

Prior to this action, the campaign had reached out in several ways to the church clergy, with no response. But our mere presence in the parking lot with some flyers and signs brought an immediate reaction. Now the head pastor wanted to talk with us. And what did he have to say in a phone call with the evicted family's eldest daughter? That he was "shocked" and "offended" by what we did. That he would not do anything to help the family or to reach out to the investor on their behalf, as this was a "personal matter."

The moral: apologists for the oppressor class of capitalists and landlords like the head pastor have no shame. Their sense of "right" and "personal morality" does not include calling to account or criticizing racist profiteers who evict workers in the midst of a pandemic.

Capitalism is the true virus

Capitalism breeds bloodsuckers like Madden who make a living off of the misery of working-class families. But Madden is small fry compared to the biggest banks that run the U.S. housing market through their enormous wealth and ability to lend and invest. These banks use their billions to control the politicians who make the laws. These laws protect the profits of the bankers at the expense of the working class.

Even if this campaign is successful in regaining this one house, it will only allow this one family the "privilege" of continuing to pay and pay a bank or mortgage company for decades. Reforming capitalism's property laws will also not change their basic dynamic: private property interests always take precedence over the needs of the working class.

A revolutionary communist government would seize control of all available housing and build whatever else is necessary, creating decent housing for all. The plague of homelessness would become a dim memory of capitalism's savage past.

Fight for communism. Power to the workers! ✪

This is what communist victory looks like

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Awakened from her slumber

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, bullets from KKKcops,

Breonna Taylor.

Say her name, Breonna Taylor.

A father ripped from his car and

thrown on the ground.

A knee on his neck for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, minutes, and 30 seconds.

George Floyd. Say his name, George Floyd.

A 16 year old

Was shot in the chest

Less than 30 minutes before

man killed George Floyd was pronounced guilty

Ma'Khia Bryant.

Say her name, Ma'Khia Bryant

And on March 29,

13 year old, seventh grader at Gary Elementary School, was shot in the chest after complying

Adam Toledo. Say his name, Adam Toledo

We, the working class, young and old,

protested during a worldwide pandemic,

Fighting against a system that breeds servants of the ruling class

Killer cops, politicians with blood on their hands, and villainous presidents that kill our brothers and sisters. Under a system of destructive laws they are not criminals We however, strive to be the gavel of fair judgement We charge the whole system of genocide

Fascist bosses you can't hide we charge you with gencoide!

For the last four years,

this system turned over power to a criminal and fascist.However, the return of the **liberal bosses to** power is actually ***more*** **dangerous for the international working class**As they gear up for war with their imperialist rivals China and Russia

From Obama to Biden, liberal bosses have faked their concern about racism

For our support because they need us to die for their battle for power.

However, the return of the liberal bosses to power is more dangerous for the international working class.

No matter the title.

Republican, Trump

Democrat, Biden,

women, Kamala Harris

men, Bernie Sanders

black or white.

We live in a capitalist state

where the victories of the working class are little to none.

We the progressive labor party, reject these failures of capitalism and acknowledge them as attacks against our class.

In order for capitalism to thrive it requires death to maximize its profits.

We ask you who benefits from capitalism?

The victories of the rich are not the victories of the international working class; putting worker needs at the forefront is our victory. The Green New Deal is not a victory for the international working class; smashing the profit motive that makes the environment a commodity to be exploited by greedy bosses is our victory.

Citizenship reform and voting in democrats is not a victory for the international working class; smashing racist borders, abolishing nations, and nationalism ***is*** **our victory.**

Millions, and millions and millions of workers

died due to COVID-19.

While the bosses fight over vaccine profits

and who gets the first dose

The past and present have shown us the bosses will neglect the cries of basic needs to retain their power. Their victories can never be those of the international working class.

They are driven by profit and exploitation at the workers expense.

We say NO! And fight to SMASH racism,

SMASH sexism,

SMASH anti-immigrant policies,

and SMASH imperialist borders between workers to ensure our victory

The only way to ensure victory for our brothers, sisters, children, and comrades is a communist revolution. **The only solution is a communist revolution!**

The victory of communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society; smashing the oppression of women, sexism; abolishing racism and the concept of "race."The victory of communism means no more police murders that rob us of Breonna Taylors, George Floyds, or Adam Toledos, Ma'Khia Bryant**. That i*s* our victory.**

Today's victory is joining the class struggle against capitaism is fiighting for the international working class andjoining the Progressive labor party. ✪

☆MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM HAITi☆

Greetings to the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) May Day marchers in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, and around the world; greetings to the international working class:

Today, in Haiti and around the world, imperialism's relentless march for profits and power is worsening the living conditions of our class. The coronavirus pandemic is only one of the horrors that show how the racist and sexist inequalities of capitalism increase our suffering and make the precariousness of our lives even more glaring. In fact, in addition to the restrictive laws which reinforce authoritarian and so-called democratic regimes alike, the working masses have seen their purchasing power considerably decrease and a large majority of them sink into unprecedented unemployment and misery. All the while, the bourgeoisie keeps accumulating wealth, stolen from our labor and dreams of schemes for world war—where we workers are supposed to fight and die—to enrich themselves further with the spoils.

Kidnappings, gangsterism, unemployment, homelessness, the almost complete absence of medical care, repression of trade unionists and activists, massacres in working-class neighborhoods, expropriation of peasants in favor of large multinationals are the main daily challenges facing workers in Haiti. The far-right government imposed by the U.S. imperialists, through the UN, the OAS and their embassies, continues to destroy the rare social gains obtained by workers in Haiti at the end of the 20th century. Workers and students in Haiti are fighting back, but we need to know we are not alone! We need the resolute leadership of a revolutionary communist party with deep ties inside our class.

Comrades, workers all over the world are all experiencing similar difficulties. But, in Haiti as elsewhere, PLP must continue to organize workers, students and soldiers with a view to building a true international mass Party, capable of leading the class-struggle that will destroy capitalism and put an end to all its inequalities. Only then, under the leadership of our revolutionary communist party, will workers be able to liberate ourselves: we will abolish racism and sexism, we will abolish wages, and work according to need and commitment. We will build a society that serves the interests of the working class. .

Communist comrades of PLP: Our challenge is great but not impossible. The struggle for communism is at a crossroads. The fight against capitalism/imperialism is a fight to the death. Let's choose to fight back—and win. We are committed to that fight. The struggle is for liberation of our class, for well-being, for life. Let us join forces and engage in the fight!

Long live communism! Long live the PLP!

NYC Transit

MTA & liberal union bosses = deadend for workers

NEW YORK CITY, April 15—The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) bosses are continuing their racist and life-threatening policies of creating an unsafe environment for both riders and workers of the NYC subway system. These attacks are about maintaining the profits of Wall Street banks and businesses. The MTA is reducing train service, leading to crowded trains that will recklessly expose riders to the coronavirus and increase the wait times between trains.

Communists in the revolutionary Progressive Labor Party (PLP) are in the midst of the struggle organizing for rider-worker unity and for communist revolution to smash the MTA bosses, union misleaders, and this entire racist, sexist, imperialist capitalist system!

Bosses and union misleaders in bed

During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, transit bosses reduced service on all lines, initially blaming the reduction on their own workers (of which over 150 have died due to the MTA's lack of preparedness) rather than the 90 percent reduced ridership.. Since then, service has been restored to most lines, but the racist bosses took the opportunity to cut jobs on the busy C and F lines.

Instead of building a mass, united fightback of transit workers and riders, Transit Workers' Union (TWU) Local 100 leadership showed they are deep in bed with management. They are supporting the bosses' plans for cutting the scheduled runs along a train line ("jobs") that created the reduced trips to begin with.

In response to rank and file workers pressing the issue during an online employee town hall on March 12, Interim New York City Transit President Sarah Feinberg claimed the cuts were "minimal in scope."

A look at any subway platform during rush hours exposes Feinberg's racist lies. Ridership is returning, platforms are crowding again, and fewer cars are carrying more passengers. March 11 marked a record for the single highest day ridership since the pandemic began, which has already been surpassed again. (Gothamist, 3/13) Workers' safety remains on the chopping block so the bosses can hoard money, playing with our lives.

Union misleadership: train to nowhere

The naked racism of this crisis was exposed during a recent lawsuit between Local 100 and the MTA, with the MTA telling the mostly working-class Black and Latin riders calling out the line cuts and crowded trains to accept them. But when mainly white, wealthier Long Island Railroad customers complained about crowding on their trains after service cuts, the MTA immediately reversed them (Gothamist, 3/9)!

Though transit bosses have agreed to restore service on the C and F after a lawsuit that the union dragged their heels in filing (Gothamist, 3/31), that is no guarantee workers are permanently safe: the agreement is verbal only, and not on paper.

Despite receiving billions in federal aid (PIX 11, 3/11), the transit bosses remain committed to cutting service to pay the debts to their Wall Street benefactors, while TWU Local 100's misleadership carry their bags and enable it all. Transit workers and riders need to join together with PLP and smash these crooks and their union misleadership stooges!

MTA bosses blame workers for racist neglect

Currently, seven track inspectors are suspended without pay as the MTA, along with the inspector general's office, scapegoats workers over its horrid safety practices, and pushes for automation and cost saving.

The track inspector's job is the most important track job in the system, as they walk hundreds of miles of subway tracks collecting data on which tracks need repairs. The track inspector division is made up mainly of track inspectors and two foremen whose job it is to oversee the inspectors' work.

When the MTA recently moved to a phone-based system of reporting defects, the bosses didn't ensure the old data written on physical cards was transferred into the new system. Now the bosses are using this excuse to blame the track inspectors for the problems they reported in the past! Track inspectors are on a race to report the old issues before management claims lack of data to say they are not working, and are punishing and suspending track inspectors. The union leadership is accepting these write-ups laying down; not one union representative close to the leadership wanted to represent the workers being suspended.

The system is highly in need of repair. Every time there is track work needed, it causes delays in subway service which the MTA bosses don't want. There is a system of how things are reported: "P3" being least serious to "P1" meaning the track must be taken out of service. P1s are intentionally avoided by foremen, and if a track inspector believes there's a P1, a foreman typically reinspects the same track and downgrades it to a P2.

Communists in transit believe this attack on workers is an opportunity to build unity with the riding public and expose the MTA bosses' policy on safety. It's time to expose the reports and conditions that management let slide and didn't repair. It's time to expose that while the track inspectors report safety issues, the management bosses decide on what gets repaired — and most of the repairs are like band aids on a bleeding artery.

Struggling with coworkers

Comrades active in the MTA and Local 100 have been pushing PLP's militant anti-racist politics with our coworkers. The bosses have used the pandemic to further poison workers' minds with more racism, and we've encountered many down here who believe that the solution is voting and more cops on trains.

But contradictions are everywhere! At the same time, these same workers have a fire burning deep inside them all from the racist treatment they've endured from transit bosses. We build PLP in transit so that communist leadership can spread the flames of fightback and revolution we need to control the transit system in the heart of U.S. imperialism. Struggle by struggle we can turn the tide against the bosses, and build a Red Army to smash them for a communist world for workers to run! JOIN US!✪

☆MAY DAY GREETINGS FROM MEXICO☆

The COVID-19 crisis has unmasked the inability of capitalism to ensure the health, work, well-being, and life of the working class. This system serves bosses' profits, not workers, as evidenced by the following figures:

While big capitalists in Mexico increased their wealth by an average of 20 percent during the pandemic (Forbes, 4/6), 12 million people were left jobless and an estimated similar amount fell into poverty (Expansion, 2/28). As Morena-PT liberals and PRI-PAN-PRD conservatives blame each other, COVID-19-associated deaths through February reached 316,000 (Mexico Excess Mortality Report, 3/15).

Health authorities have presented population confinement as the most effective measure to control the pandemic, but they hide its class nature. Because the most unprotected sector of the working class live day by day, they can't stay at home and have to expose themselves to find a way to survive, resulting in increased contagion and deaths in the most marginalized areas of large cities. Industrial zones have not stopped regardless of the lives of the workers.

The confinement measures were used by the current liberal government of López Obrador, to strengthen the demobilization of social protest, the advancement of its social programs of electoral cooptation and the deployment of the armed forces disguised as the National Guard. All this helps continue the capitalists' megaprojects of the Interocean Corridor, the Maya Train, the New International Airport of Mexico City, the Integral Morelos Project (PIM) and the Dos Bocas Refinery.

AMLO's liberal government, with its pro-worker mask, has also attacked labor rights. As is the case of the dissenting teachers' faction of the CNTE, who demand that this government comply with the cancellation of the Capitalist Educational Reform and the fascist ISSSTE Act. It denies fair payment to pensioners and retirees through an administrative trap that calculates their payment using the Update Unit of Measure (UMA) and not the minimum wage as required by the constitution. In that conversion workers lose almost half their wages; UMA is worth $4.48 and the minimum wage is $7.08.

So, this May Day workers will mobilize to stop this action plan to attack the policy of the capitalist liberal state.

Amid the COVID-19 crisis, the bosses will seek to drag us into their electoral circus, heralded as the largest in history at a cost of 694 million pesos, which could be better spent to slow the pandemic. But for capitalists, it is essential that workers see the thm as the only alternative and choose one of them as our savior. In fact, they cynically use vaccinations to build support for the ruling Morena party.

In areas under the control of organized crime, which according to the U.S. northern command estimates is between 30 percent and 35 percent of the national territory, organized crime in contention with the economic and political elites will decide who will participate in the elections and eventually rule. To date, there have been 252 assaults on politicians and 65 murders. (El Universal 4/27).

PLP members support the struggle of each sector of workers to fight for their immediate interests, making it clear that the real and definitive solution for the working class is the revolutionary unity used to destroy the lethal virus called capitalism. This will be done through a conscious and participatory process that leads to the building of communism, a society without oppressors, exploiters, bosses or liberal governments disguised as progressive.

For a revolutionary communist May Day!

College Crisis

Students & workers fight to learn & learn to fight

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11—Over 200 students and workers had a spirited march through San Francisco's working-class and predominantly Latin Mission District, protesting the ongoing attacks on the City College of San Francisco (CCSF). Angry and sometimes tearful speakers described the plans to let go of over 600 full and part-time teachers and shut down entire programs. People were very open to our Progressive Labor Party (PLP) leaflet, which brought a vision of a communist education to the struggle.

A friend leads the way

We found out about this march when a member of our PLP study group announced it at a Labor Chorus rehearsal. One of the study group leaders encouraged her to attend a study group where she proposed discussing the City College march. We turned the next study group meeting into a short discussion about the fight at CCSF and then reconvened at the demonstration. At the march a few of us, including our friend, passed out nearly 250 leaflets and several copies of CHALLENGE.

Our PLP study group is mostly composed of progressive and anti-racist friends, many from this Labor Chorus (which happens to be threatened by the cuts at CCSF). We have discussed elections, fascism, racism, and the Party's principles. But we have talked very little about doing political activity. So it was inspirational when this study group friend accompanied us to a Stop Asian Hate demonstration and then planned and participated with us at the CCSF march and protest.

Victories won by struggle, threatened by bosses' cutbacks

Decades of struggle by students, workers, and teachers have expanded CCSF into a college, providing large numbers of non-credit, part-time courses for workers, older adults, English-learners, and people interested in art, music, gardening and more. At one point, 1/7 of San Francisco's population had taken CCSF courses. Then came the attacks—an attempt to shut down the campus altogether, major budget cuts, and an attempt to revoke CCSF's state accreditation. The many struggles had expanded CCSF's curriculum, but as with any reform victory under capitalism, CCSF administrators are now reversing our victories.

The California Board of Governors has a corporate-driven agenda to gut the community colleges and offer only specific vocational certificates or academic courses to a much smaller group of full-time students. Local CCSF administrators are carrying out those plans with massive cuts in faculty, classes, and programs and sabotaging the outreach and enrollment of students.

What would communist education look like?

Some of the reforms won at CCSF give a glimpse of education under communism. Workers can learn mental, manual, and social skills over a lifetime. We can become artists, writers, musicians, and dancers. There are courses for people with disabilities, for victims of domestic or sexual violence, and courses to help overcome isolation and stay physically and mentally fit. There are programs for victims of racism, sexism, ableism, homelessness, and unemployment.

These programs help us cope with some evils of capitalism, but the working class needs communism. Under communism there will be no classes about homelessness and unemployment. They will have been eliminated. Defeating racism and sexism will be primary in every aspect of society. Overcoming isolation and staying physically and mentally fit will be part of daily life, not a class that we take. We can only imagine how communism will unleash the creativity and energy of the working class.

But the bosses want capitalist education as a sorting hat for the next generation of workers—some are declared obedient workers for factories or companies. Others become petty managers and mouthpieces of capita. Still others are part of the military or the reserve army of labor. They want us on an educational conveyor belt with no time to think about what we're doing or what's being done to us. Education under capitalism will always serve and change based on the interests of the capitalist class.

Revolution primary over reform

Our study group has helped us be better communists. Discussion of our principles on page two of CHALLENGE has improved our understanding of nationalism and the role of wages and money, and why racism, not white supremacy, best describes what's at play. And our practice has improved.

Our study group friend met with us to join the City College fight and bring communist ideas to it. She helped pass out the PLP leaflet to the marchers and community members and contributed to this article. Working together to fight the bosses—now that's communist education and action!

Capitalism is in crisis and, now more than before, cannot meet our needs for housing, health, jobs, or education. Worldwide tens of thousands of workers are fighting educational cuts like those at CCSF. Under capitalism, we get some education, limited as it is, only when we fight for it. We need communism, but it will never happen unless we organize in the class struggle and bring people closer to the Party, just like we did with this fight.

The bosses can take back any reform we win at CCSF or anywhere else. Our ultimate goal must be a communist revolution, where the working class takes power. So look for a study group in your area, an excellent way to learn about PLP's ideas and to help plan and participate in activities. Join us!✪

LETTERS

We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.

Police are bosses' attack dogs

On May 25th, 2020, in Minneapolis, the world watched in horror as the terrorists known as the police did what they do best - murder. The focus was on the four individual officers who were involved in the murder of George Floyd - Derek Chauvin, J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas Lane, and Tou Thao.

The truth is the police, no matter the color of their skin, have the blood of the working class on their hands. They are all just attack dogs for the capitalist ruling class.

The creation of the police in the 1700s was to capture runaway slaves. Throughout their entire existence, the police have stood against the working class, violently opposing, suppressing, and controlling them. The terrorist police that have killed so many innocent people continue to roam free. 12-year-old Tamir Rice, Freddie Gray, Alex Flores, David Flores, Cesar Rodriguez, Breonna Taylor, and many more are all victims of the devils who protect and serve the capitalist system (see editorial, page 2).

Backed by the courts and billionaire corporations, the police have a solid history of walking free after cold blooded murder and not being held accountable. If charges are applied they don't stay, if charges do stay they end up dismissed in court by a judge or a hung jury, and if the blood thirsty police are locked up they won't do the full time.

There are only two classes that exist in the world today. There is the capitalist ruling class - those who own the means of production, the exploiters, bankers, top military brass, corporate CEO's, like Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, and the Kochs. These crooks are protected by the police who serve the capitalists and their property. And there is the working class - those who do not own the means of production, those who are exploited, make every single commodity in the world, and who are forced to fight in imperialist wars. Workers outnumber the capitalists 99 to one !

Under capitalism there is no justice for the working class. In the case of George Floyd the outcome will be the same even if the cops are locked up. We in the Progressive Labor Party say that true justice for the working class will only come from the overthrow of the capitalist system with communist revolution. The establishment of communism means a society with no profit, no exploitation, no social constructs like race, and racism, no sexism and the objectification of women, no homelessness or poverty, no private property, and of course no terrorists called the police. A worker-run society to benefit all! Join us!

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Author of *Agent Sonya* is anti-communist

Agent Sonya by Ben Macintyre is reviewed in the March 17 issue of CHALLENGE. The review is highly favorable and describes the book's tale of the remarkable Ursula Kuczynski who was a master spy for the world communist movement and in particular for the Soviet Union from the 1930s until after WWII and a loyal communist until her death in the 1950s. She never lost her faith in communism and the future.

The reviewer does not comment that Macintyre is quite anti-communist and the reader is left with the impression that Sonya must have been a naïve "true believer." Obviously incredibly dedicated and incredibly smart, able to outwit the intelligence agencies of the U.S., UK, Japan, and Germany, she was anything but naïve.

The New York Times (an anticommunist mouthpiece itself) reviewer, Kati Marton, criticized Macintyre for saying that Sonya served "one of history's great monsters and his heirs only in passing."

I think many CHALLENGE readers would find the author's views sufficiently troubling to stop reading. Nevertheless, if you can put aside these "passing" references in the book to the anti-Stalin, anti-Soviet paradigm, then you will enjoy the book and feel inspired by this heroic human being who was able to live a full life with a family and friends while doing everything she could to ensure a better future for workers everywhere.

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Red leadership needed

Women garment workers rise vs. Myanmar's military dictators

MYANMAR—Of the 700,000 garment workers in Myanmar 90 percent are women. They are striking against the exploitation by the garment industry bosses and also leading the uprising against the military dictatorship that is ruling the country. They should not be pleading with the garment industry capitalists and their politician flunkies for a better deal. There is no better deal under capitalism. Capitalism means profits for the bosses and exploitation for workers. These women leaders should fight for communism, working class power, where they help lead all of society.

A major problem for the rank-and-file locals is the role of the national union leadership, which urges workers to plead to the H&M and Zara bosses to come to their aid. The garment workers must depend on their own actions, not on the bosses, who are the source of, and profit from, their exploitation. Unfortunately, no communist leadership has emerged from which the goal would be to overthrow the system of capitalism that plunges workers into abject poverty, enforced by the bosses' cops and military. The trade union leaders do not and cannot have the aim to turn the anti-government protests into a class war against the profit system and for communist revolution.

These brave women fighters can lead a communist world

Often seen at the very front, wearing a mask and white helmet, was Ma Moe Sandar Myint, a 37-year-old mother of three and sewing machine operator. She is the rank-and-file leader of one of the largest union locals, is responsible for organizing more than 20 marches, and is among those calling for a general strike to paralyze the economy in a fight for their rights.

Ma Tin Wei, 26, a garment worker for five years who makes men's jackets for the Italian brand OVS, organized a strike on her factory floor after the coup. She warned that, "If there were rights violations before in factories, then under a military regime there is no question things will be even worse for garment workers with low-wage jobs. This is a fight I must take on…even if it means risking arrest or death. It's for me, my family, my union colleagues and all the people of Myanmar" (All quotes are from New York Times, 3/12).

Mai Ei Phyu, who leads 500 workers at a factory that makes jackets for Adidas, was hiding from the police looking for her. She said she was proud of the leadership role of young women garment workers. "We were important," she declared, "because we started the protests and came out on the streets early and set a good example for other people across the country. People are proud of us. I do what I do now for my son and daughter and the next generation."

Myint moved to a safe house after the cops raided her own home on February 6. Leading protests by day and hiding at night, she has not seen her family since.

Harsher conditions under pandemic pressures

The number of people making less than $1.90 a day has more than tripled, to 63 percent of the population since the pandemic began. After a year of Covid-19-induced shutdowns, layoffs, pay cuts and union crackdowns, tens of thousands of garment workers have taken to the streets, many of the youth arming themselves.

Most women garment workers come from smaller cities or rural villages and have moved to the larger city of Yangon. They labor 66-hour workweeks 11-hour days, six days a week and most live in dormitories, sending part of their wages back home to their families. In such "housing," they are vulnerable targets for the military.

Myanmar's garment industry is vital to the economy, comprising 31 percent of all exports in 2018, worth $4.6 billion. Many Western companies such as H&M and Adidas have become important markets for the industry's bosses. The uprising's effects were cited by H&M's manager in Myanmar as causing "practical difficulties and an unpredictable situation limiting our ability to operate in the country."

The military has been a bulwark for the garment bosses against the strikers, using tear gas, water cannons, rubber bullets and live rounds, and killing hundreds at rallies nationwide.

The spirit that could lead to such an outcome flows from the kind of determination expressed by Moe Sandar Myint, "The more I see the suffering, the more I want to fight, even at the risk of death. This might end with my blood being spilled, but I won't stop now!"✪

Glossary

Communist political terms

Fascism

Capitalism's response to a crisis of their system, when the bosses can no longer sustain the charade of liberal democracy and resort to more direct control and state terror instead. Fascism is marked by the ruling capitalists disciplining their own ranks to serve the urgent needs of the capitalist state and weather the crisis. To defend their system from internal and external threats, they use all the means available in their state apparatus, including violence. To build unity within their class and loyalty from workers, they rely on nationalist politics and calls for sacrifice. Their strategy is to mislead the working class to kill our working class sisters and brothers in the next inter-imperialist war.

Big Fascists

The Big Fascists are the dominant finance capitalist faction of the U.S. ruling class. They represent the wealthiest and most powerful bosses in the U.S., including multinational banks like Chase and Citibank, multinational oil companies like ExxonMobil, the big automakers, Boeing, Amazon, and the major media companies. As the dominant grouping since World War II, the Big Fascists were the architects of the liberal world order with the U.S. bosses on top. Their dominance rests on U.S. financial and military power and its strategic control of the Middle East and the flow of oil to Europe, Asia, and Africa. To sustain this dominance, they need to rebuild a huge, multiracial military for inter-imperialist war, most likely with China.

Small Fascists

The Small Fascists are a group of domestically oriented U.S. capitalists who are challenging the Big Fascists over the direction of U.S. imperialism. Since their interests are less tied to controlling the flow of oil, they are against heavy taxation to keep troops in the Middle East and in general oppose costly military bases and invasions. They're willing to rely on a smaller, whiter army, backed by nuclear weapons and the Air Force. They have used open racism to build a political following.

Big Tech serves rulers' state power

The ruling class rules over society through the state apparatus. Laws, government, cops and prisons exist to keep the bosses in control of society. Highly successful and powerful U.S. high tech companies Google, Amazon, Facebook, Apple and Microsoft (GAFAM) for many years have operated in their own self-interest and at times to the detriment of the interests of the main wing finance capitalists. As the fighting between the Big Fascist and Small Fascist (see glossary p.6) wings of the capitalists has become increasingly volatile the Big Fascists are using their state power to bring the Big Tech firms into line.

In the 20th century, the Defense Department and the intelligence community controlled the cutting-edge technologies: nuclear weapons, advanced fighter jets, spy satellites, and mainframe computers. Now, the cutting-edge technologies are often developed by GAFAM. The most advanced weapons are no longer just intercontinental ballistic missiles, but also super-accurate drones that allow a small state like Iran to attack the world's most vital oil facility in Saudi Arabia. Besides developing technologies for use in weapons, GAFAM has become the biggest collector of information in the world (securelist.com, 10/23/19)

Rulers incorporate GAFAM into the state apparatus

The main way GAFAM collects information is that people volunteer it; posting pictures, turning on GPS, broadcasting their location every time they pay with a credit card. Commercial firms collect and store that private information. When journalist/engineer Surya Mattu did a check on the 80,000 most popular websites, 74 percent loaded Google trackers, 33 percent Facebook trackers, and 15 percent loaded "session recorders" – the digital equivalent of recording videos of what you are surfing. Even with all trackers turned off, your phone and computer still report a unique ID number that allows Big Tech to track that number back to you.

The bosses' state has struggled to match what Big Tech can do. After 9/11, the National Security Agency (NSA) started a program to monitor hundreds of millions of phone calls in order to identify terrorists by detecting key words, but in 201, the NSA ostensibly abandoned it, admitting it had detected no terror attacks. Around that same time, Facebook, Microsoft, Twitter, and YouTube (Google) set up the "Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism" (GIFCT) to share information about potential terrorist sympathizers and radicals (GIFCT.org). Instead of competing with Big Tech the ruling class is incorporating them into the state.

The nonprofit Upturn found at least 2,000 police agencies had searched hundreds of thousands locked, encrypted phones in recent years. In August 2019, the FBI admitted to searching the phone records of 16,000 people even though only 7 of them had ties to an investigation. But those numbers pale compared to the hundreds of millions of phones/computers that GAFAM monitors 24/7. New devices either ask you to hook up to the cloud or do it automatically without telling you. Facial recognition is spreading and there are many millions of cameras on street corners, in stores and on front doors, and private drones are showing up at any newsworthy event to drive up social media rankings.

This is why the ruling class increasingly turns to Big Tech. The pro-Biden forces used GAFAM to silence Trump, closing his Twitter account and his Facebook page. After the January 6 attack on the Capitol, they shut down racist far-right social media platforms like Parler.

Big Fascists Move to Control GAFAM

All of the GAFAM firms are about 60 percent owned by the same finance capitalist institutions, not mainly individuals. The two most prominent Apple execs (Tim Cook and Arthur Levinson) own 0.12 percent of Apple stock. The biggest shareholders are Vanguard (7.8 percent), BlackRock (6.6 percent), Berkshire Hathaway (5.6 percent), State Street (4.0 percent) and FMR (2.1 percent).

Microsoft's Bill Gates appears to control 4.3 percent of its stock (through his fronts), while Vanguard owns 8.4 percent, BlackRock 6.8 percent, State Street 4.2 percent, FMR 3.0 percent, and T. Rowe Price 2.4 percent.

At Amazon, Jeff Bezos owns 11 percent, Advisor Group 7.1 percent, Vanguard 6.6 percent, BlackRock 5.4 percent, State Street 3.2 percent, and T. Rowe Price 3.2 percent.

At Google's parent Alphabet, the two big shots – Larry Page and Serge Brin – each own 2.8 percent, compared to Vanguard 4.5 percent, BlackRock 3.7 percent, T. Rowe Price 1.8 percent, State Street 1.4 percent, and FMR 1.4 percent.

Facebook is something of an exception because Mark Zuckerberg controls 58 percent of the votes (which is why Facebook is sometimes more independent of the other GAFAM firms), but he owns 16.2 percent of the stock compared to Vanguard 7.5 percent, BlackRock 6. percent, FMR 5.1 percent, and T. Rowe Price 4.3 percent.

Technology under capitalism becomes another tool for the bosses to oppress our class. Only after the workers take power with communist revolution and destroy both the capitalist state and the Big Tech bosses will technology serve the needs of the masses instead of the profits of the racist billionaires. ✪

RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

Abbreviations
NYT= New York Times
GW=Gaurdian Weekly

U.S. created mass murderers in Central America

NYT Magazine, 4/11 In February 1980, the archbishop of San Salvador…wrote…President Jimmy Carter…[saying,] "The contribution of your government,…instead of promoting greater justice and peace in El Salvador will without a doubt sharpen the injustice and repression…the people…struggling to gain respect for their most fundamental human rights."

…Paramilitary forces began assassinating…labor leaders, human rights workers, school teachers, peasants, clergy….One paramilitary slogan was: "Be a patriot! Kill a priest!" A month [later]…the archbishop was murdered….

President Ronald Reagan…made support of El Salvador's junta a foreign-policy priority….By 1992, the United States had sent more than $4 billion to the government of El Salvador, despite reports of torture, rape, killings and massacres. To military forces…the message was clear. Violating human rights would not affect their standing with the Reagan and…Bush administrations…. In…"The Massacre at El Mazote," U.S. military trained Salvadoran battalions and equipped them with bullets, M16s and military helicopters….[abetting] a 12-year civil war that…killed at least 75,000 people. Thousands more were forcibly disappeared….

Many of the Salvadorans fleeing their country… were routinely denied political asylum….Would-be migrants from Guatemala, where the United States supported another military government, fared even worse….

The Reagan administration…[funded] the violence that drove Central Americans to the United States.….The United States was denying asylum with the express purpose of maintaining military aid to El Salvador….

On Nov. 16, 1989, six Jesuit priests were…murdered in San Salvador. Their bodies were riddled with bullets ….Days after the murders, Congress approved another $85 million on military aid to El Salvador….[An] investigation linked the killings to the Salvadoran high command and to soldiers… who were trained at Fort Benning in Georgia….

At El Mazote…136 children died in a church sacristy, which had been raked with bullets and then set on fire….Infants were murdered. Most of the cartridge cases recovered from the sacristy had stamps indicating that they were made for the United States government in Lake City, Mo…..

But few remember America's role in creating these conditions during the Cold War. In Guatemala in 1934, the United States overthrew a democratically elected president who tried to implement labor and land reform. In Nicaragua, it funded a covert war…and lined a harbor with mines. In Honduras, it spent more than $1 billion in military aid and tacitly supported death squads. In Panama, it established…the U.S. Army School of the Americas, that trained some 60,000 Latin American military officers to use torture and execution techniques.

Black household earns 88¢ for every $1

NYT, 4/12 …Wealth one's total assets is the most meaningful measure of financial strength. Yet for every dollar a typical white household has, a Black one has 12 cents…. Latinos have 21 cents for every dollar in white wealth.

….No matter what financial decisions you make or schools you attend, roughly 80 percent of those yawning disparities are determined by your skin color, the year you were born and your gender.… .The rigged game helps explain the origins of the wealth gap. A history studded by intimidation and terrifying violence, segregation and unfair housing, zoning and lending policies has prevented generations of Black families from gathering assets.

…When the government distributed the country's most realizable asset land during the Homestead Act, African-Americans were left out….When the focus shifted to…home ownership, African-Americans were again largely excluded from federal mortgage loan support programs and the G.I. Bill of Rights….

Even New Deal…unemployment insurance… excluded agricultural and domestic workers, who were overwhelmingly Black….Black graduates… have to take out bigger loans to cover college costs, compelling them to start out in more debt on average $25,000 more than their white counterparts….

The pandemic has hit African-Americans and Latinos hardest…with higher infection and death rates, more job losses and more business closures.

U.S. racist, anti-worker tax system gives to the rich

NYT, 4/4 …Most of the United States…property taxation is a sham.….More expensive properties are undervalued….Wealthy homeowners get a big tax break, while less affluent homeowners are paying a higher price for the same public services….

…In Cook County [Chicago]…improper billing [totaled] $2.2 billion in taxes….

Most state and local governments collect a larger share of the income of lower-income households than of upper-income households….The burden falls disproportionately on minorities. Because of the accumulated effects of past racism, minorities tend to live in homes that command lower prices yet are assessed at inflated values…. A recent national study….found that Black and Latino homeowners paid 10 percent to 13 percent more in property taxes than the owners of similar homes living under the same tax laws….

In Syracuse, [NY]….a woman paid higher annual taxes on a home she bought for $46,000 than other residents paid for homes purchased at prices that approached $200,000.

KKKAPITALISM KILLED ADAM TOLEDO

ONLY SOLUTION— COMMUNIST REVOLUTION

★Killer KKKops mean we got to fightback! ★Adam Toledo means we got to fight back!

CHICAGO, IL, April 16–Almost 2,000 people gathered a few blocks from Chicago's Democratic and Black Mayor Lori Lightfoot's house to protest the police murder of 13-year-old Adam Toledo. The working-class anger against this latest police atrocity had been seething all week long (see CHALLENGE, 4/28). This mass demonstration was in response to the video released of the murder of young Adam, which clearly showed that he was murdered with his hands up. It was the biggest march in Chicago since last summer's uprisings against the racist murder of George Floyd (**see editorial, page 2**).

"**Lori Lightfoot you can't hide, we charge you with genocide," and ™KKKops how many kids have you killed today,"**thundered loudly in Chicago's Logan Square. 20 friends and members of Progressive Labor Party (PLP) joined the masses in denouncing the cops and the capitalist/fascist system that spawns them. We quickly ran out of the 300 copies of CHALLENGEs and the hundreds of leaflets we brought to distribute.

The protesters marched down the middle of a major street, Milwaukee Avenue, stopping every few minutes to speak on the bull horn and invite marchers to join us on May Day, the revolutionary workers' day that is celebrated all over the world on May 1. We called for a communist world we envision free from killer cops, racism, sexism, and exploitation. Many people responded by clapping and cheering us on when we spoke about communist revolution and the need for workers' power. Many joined our communist chant, "The only solution is a communist revolution!"

Peace walk

Two days later, there was a peace walk of hundreds of people through the mainly Latin neighborhood of Little Village. We again distributed our communist literature inviting all to our May Day march which will begin a few blocks away from where Adam was savagely shot. We also led chants and more significantly briefly met with Adam's father and let him know that our Party stood in solidarity with his family and that our goal was to abolish capitalism and the police forces who murdered his son.

For this peace walk, a young artist who we work with and has read CHALLENGE drew a beautiful mural. It was painted on the other side of the fence where Adam Toledo was murdered. The mural is of huge letters that read, "We need each other."

Everyone was invited to write some words inside the letters for Adam's family. We wrote, "**death to racism and fascism, long live Adam Toledo. PLP"**

Winning youth to communist politics

The next week, we participated in a press conference/rally that demanded that Kim Foxx, our county's Democratic and Black State's Attorney file murder charges against the kkkop Eric Stillman and that her lying Assistant, James Murphy, resign for lying about the video tape that clearly showed that Adam was murdered in cold blood with his hands up. We are working with community organizers we met at the first vigil for Adam. They have all taken our literature and have welcomed us to their struggle.

By taking bold leadership our Party is being recognized and looked to for guidance and leadership against this murder. As soon as we arrived at the Logan Square protest surrounded by 100s of protesters, we began a PLP mini-rally giving a communist analysis of this murder. People listened intently agreeing with many of our points. Our consistent communist anti-racist and anti-fascist politics are attracting many young workers to us. At work, we are recognized as leaders and they ask us about the next actions and then they accompany us to them.

Racist bosses—you can't hide. We charge you with genocide!

By participating in the Free Mohawk struggles we've been participating in over 2020 and 2021, young workers sought us out at the Logan Square march and they held up our communist banners. We plan to recruit these workers and students to build a communist Red Army that will smash our class enemies, and their liberal, Democratic lap dog politicians. On to May Day and on to communist revolution.✪

MAY DAY

LOS ÁNGELES Caravan: Central Jazz Park at 12:30 PM.

CHICAGO March: Corner of California and Cermak at1 PM

NEW YORK CITY March: On Flatbush Avenue between Avenue D and Clarendon Road at 12 PM

Wear a mask! See you there!

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